MiG-21 aircraft crashes

†*3. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of MiG-21 aircrafts that crashed in the last five years;

(b) the number of pilots and army officials killed in such air crashes during the last five years; and

(c) the reasons for the continuous accidents of MIG-21 aircrafts?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) There have been a total of 50 MiG-21 aircraft crashes in the last five years (1999-2000 to 2003-2004). During the current financial year (up to 24th November, 2004) one MiG-21 has crashed.

A total of 28 Air Force pilots have been killed in these accidents. No army official has been killed in any of these crashes.

The causes of these accidents are Human Error, Technical Defect and Bird Hit.

Fighter flying, by its very nature, is inherent to risk. As such, the accidents can only be minimised at best. Besides, MiG-21 forms the bulk of IAF fighter inventory. Hence, the maximum IAF accidents have occurred on MiG-21 aircraft. However, the crash data of IAF shows a considerable decline in the number of accidents on these aircrafts in the recent years.

Strategy for Commonwealth Games 2010

*4. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a sports strategy and plan in place in view of the coming 2010 Commonwealth Games in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT) : (a) to (c) A multi-pronged strategy for preparation and conduct

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of the Commonwealth Games, 2010 includes upgradation of existing and creation of new infrastructure, providing facilities to Indian sportspersons for participation and setting up of organizational structure for conduct of the Games. A review of existing infrastructure in the city of Delhi in context of Commonwealth Games 2010 has been undertaken. The review shows that the existing infrastructure with Sports Authority of India (SAI), Delhi Development Authority (DDA), New Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) and Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) with major upgradation and renovation could be used for most of the disciplines covered under the Commonwealth Games. A Task Force on SAI infrastructure has been set up by the Ministry with representatives from Ministry, CPWD & SAI. However, one indoor and one outdoor stadium as well as Squash Court would need to be constructed. In addition, a Commonwealth Games Village is also proposed to be constructed off Nizamuddin Bridge.

Specific efforts by way of providing specialized training and exposure under Indian and Foreign coaches with scientific inputs are being made for the sports persons who are expected to excel in their respective disciplines in the Commonwealth and Asian Games, 2006 & Olympic Games, 2008 and to prepare them for participation in Commonwealth Games, 2010.

For coordinating the work relating to the organization and conduct of the Commonwealth Games, 2010, Government has constituted a Core Group of Ministers under the Chairmanship of Minister, Human Resource Development, Government of India.

Killings of elderly people in Delhi

*5. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of elderly couples murdered in Delhi since January, 2004;

(b) the number of killers of these elderly couples arrested/nabbed; and

(c) the concrete steps Government have taken for the safety of the elderly people?